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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST EMMETT RANGER DISTRICT

Trail Closure Silver Creek Summit Trail #044006 Bull Creek Trail #102005

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(b) the following act is prohibited on the trails as described in this order, all within the Emmett Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further.

1. Use of any motorized vehicle on the trail. 36 CFR 261.55(b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

TRAILS DESCRIBED:

National Forest Systems (NFS) Trail # 044006 (also known as the Silver Creek Summit Trail) from the Silver Creek Summit Trailhead located within Township 12 North, Range 6 East, SE ¼ of Section 8, then northerly approximately 5 miles to the junction with NFS Trail #102 (Also known as Bull Creek Trail) located within Township 13 North, Range 6 East, SE ¼ of Section 22, Boise Meridian, and within the Emmett Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, Idaho.

National Forest Systems (NFS) Trail # 102006 (also known as the Bull Creek Trail) from one mile west of the junction of the Silver Creek Summit trail and Bull Creek Trail, located within Township 13 North, Range 6 East, SW ¼ of Section 22, then easterly approximately 8 miles to the junction with NFS Trail #112 (Also known as Telephone Ridge Trail) located within Township 13 North, Range 7 East, NE ¼ of Section 4, Boise Meridian, and within the Emmett Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, Idaho.

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PURPOSE:

This trail must be closed for public safety due to the lack of bridge crossings over Bull Creek and its tributaries. In addition, wet conditions threaten to impact other resources. The trail is closed to all motorized vehicles and will remain closed until the bridges are reconstructed and the trail is rerouted around erosive sections. The trail remains open to foot and horse traffic.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the road closure is attached and made part of this Order.
- 3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
- 4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Emmett Ranger District located in Emmett, ID, telephone number 208-365-7000, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office in Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4100.
- 5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads, trails) covered by this Order.

Done at Boise, ID this 3⁴day of July, 2012.

CECILIA SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor

Boise National Forest

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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan Emmett Ranger District – Boise National Forest Order #0402-06-30

- 1. <u>Background</u>. The Emmett Ranger District has roads, trails, and areas that have motorized travel restrictions in place to protect resources (reduce erosion and sedimentation causing degradation to water quality, riparian areas, and recreational experiences; provide for recreation opportunities while reducing impacts to soil, water, and riparian resources; and to enhance the safety, comfort and/or convenience of visitors.)
- 2. <u>Intent of Subpart B order</u>. Special Order # 0402-06-30 supports the objectives of various EA's and FEIS's by providing enforcement of specific provisions of the selected alternatives for each of the environmental documents and the motorized vehicle restriction on roads, trails, and areas specified on the Emmett Ranger District Travel Map.

Water Quality and Erosion Control: Some trails are closed to prevent trail surface damage. This closure helps to reduce the erosion and amount of sediment that may enter the streams. Sediment is a serious threat to spawning and rearing areas for steelhead, salmon, and other fish. Additionally, trail maintenance costs are reduced through these types of closures.

Public Safety: Due to the lack of bridges crossing Bull Creek, this order is necessary to ensure user safety. Visitors should always use caution when of forest routes.

3. <u>Enforcement Plan</u>. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: Use the news media to educate the public on the need for the travel plan restrictions. District staff will post and maintain signing (on the ground) at locations and in a manner to reasonably bring the prohibition to the attention of the public. Forest Protection Officers, LEO's and other District Staff will do patrols to further educate forest users to gain compliance and to take appropriate enforcement action against persons not in compliance.

Action	Responsible Official	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	7/2/12
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO RO LE&I and OGC	7/3/12 Done prior
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	7/3/12
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management	District Ranger	7/3/12

objectives

Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed

Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period.

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Plan approved for implementation:

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ

Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

DATE

